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In re Application of	:	
Kara Webster, Roger Seiver and	:	
John Hawkins	:	
Application No. 10/667,143	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: September 19, 2003	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. 2737.DHE.NP	:	
Title: Trailer Hitch Guide	:	
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This is a decision on the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION," filed July 12, 2004, requesting reconsideration of the decision refusing status under § 1.47(a). The petition was recently forwarded to the undersigned for consideration.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on September 19, 2003, without an executed oath or declaration (and missing the statutory basic filing fee). In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application," mailed December 12, 2003, on February 17, 2004, applicants filed the initial petition, asserting that status under § 1.47(a) is proper because inventor Hawkins has failed to return the signature documents for the application, despite repeated requests from Applicants' counsel.

By decision mailed May 17, 2004, the petition was dismissed for failure to submit an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116. The declaration did not identify John Hawkins as a joint inventor, and did not include the residence/post office address and citizenship of all of the inventors identified.

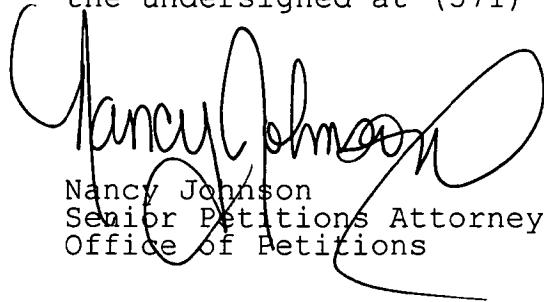
On instant request for reconsideration, applicants submitted a declaration executed by joint inventors Webster and Seiver on behalf of themselves and on behalf of non-signing inventor Hawkins.

The declaration filed July 12, 2004, and the petition have been reviewed and are now both found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in new Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.


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LETTER

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Nancy Johnson at (571) 272-3219. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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